(c) The proposed Plan outlay for the Ministry during the Tenth Plan is Rs. 59,700 crore.

(d) The outlay for National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) during the Tenth Plan who are executing the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) is Rs. 45,989.50 crore.

Road conditions in H.P. and U.P.

3084. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that road conditions are deteriorating in Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether road conditions between Shahganj and Pattinarendrapur *via* Loniapatti in Jaunpur District of Uttar Pradesh have been completely deteriorated;

(c) if so, whether any repair work has not been carried out there on for a long period;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the said road would be repaired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Central Government is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of roads notified as National Highways. In the States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, the National Highways are being maintained in a traffic worthy condition within the availability of funds.

(b) The road between Shahganj and Pattinarendrapur *via* Loniapatti in Jaunpur district of Uttar Pradesh is not a part of National Highway. Central Government is not responsible for its maintenance.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

National Highway Projects in Himachal Pradesh

3085. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Highway Projects undergoing in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the progress of these projects in the State;

(c) the expenditure incurred so far on each project; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) to (d) There are 49 on going National Highway Projects in Himachal Pradesh sanctioned under plan head. The details of the projects, expenditure thereon and target of their completion are as under:

Category of works	Number of works	Sanctioned cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)	Target of completion March 2003	2003-04
Improvement of riding quality project	22	4973.048	709.78	5	17
Road and Bridge projects other than riding quality	27	9225.270	6774.85	23	4
TOTAL:	49	14198.318	7484.63	28	21

Investment by Private Operators in Highway Projects

3086. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many private operators working on BOT projects have also found vehicular traffic falling short of target; and

(b) whether such signals would discourage the prospective investors from private sector from investing in highway projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) In Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) Projects the entrepreneur independently assesses the traffic and accordingly quotes his bid. Therefore, the question of discouraging the investors from private sector from investing in highway projects does not arise.